

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

TAKASHIMA, Yoshiki, et al.

Divisional Appln. No.: based on 09/527,522

Group Art Unit: 1652 (parent)

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky (parent)

Filed: February 7, 2002

For: PROTEIN CAPABLE OF CATALYZING TRANSAMINATION  
STEREOSELECTIVELY, GENE ENCODING SAID PROTEIN AND USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 0/527,522 filed March 16, 2000 the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
New Divisional Application based on 09/527,522

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**REMARKS**

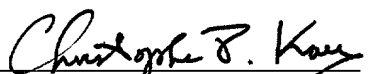
Claims 1-22 are pending.

Pursuant to the Requirement for Restriction issued in the parent case (09/527,522) on June 25, 2001, paper no. 10, Applicants now request examination of Claims 5-22 of the instant application. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are cancelled.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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